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VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew today sentenced Nathaniel Hargrove (44, of Plant City), to 20 years in federal prison for distribution of crack cocaine. Hargrove had faced a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years because of his prior drug convictions. In light of Hargrove's entire, extensive criminal history—which, according to court documents, spanned more than 25 years and included batteries, burglary, battery on law enforcement officers, aggravated battery, violating a domestic violence injunction, distribution of several types of drugs, grand theft, and numerous other offenses—the United States asked the court to depart upward from that 10-year minimum. The court granted the motion and sentenced Hargrove to 20 years.

A jury had found Hargrove guilty on March 31, 2010, of four separate counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Plant City Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey S. Downing.